



File No: T22/18208

Decision Report

Classification decisions are made in accordance with the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995* (the Act), the National Classification Code and the Classification Guidelines.

Production Details:

Title:	How Not to Summon a Demon Lord - Season Two
Alternate Titles:	Episode 1, Episode 2, Episode 3, Episode 4, Episode 5, Episode 6, Episode 7, Episode 8, Episode 9, Episode 10, How Not To Summon A Demon Lord - Season 2 : Head Priest / Head Palladin / Corrupt Ritual / Personal Domain / Black Dragon Clash / Demon Lord Army / Little Demon Lord / Visit To The Royal Capital / Storm The Church / Pretend God I
Producer:	Not Shown In English
Director:	Not Shown in English
Year of Production:	2021
Duration:	241 minutes
Version:	Original
Country of origin:	JAPAN
Language:	English
Application Type:	Film Other
Applicant:	Crunchyroll Pty Ltd

Dates:

Date application received by the Classification Board:	19/12/2022
Date of decision:	5/01/2023

Decision:

Classification:	RC
Reason:	The film is classified RC in accordance with the National Classification Code, Films Table, 1. (b) as films that "depict in a way that is likely to cause offence to a reasonable adult, a person who is, or appears to be, a child under 18 (whether the person is engaged in sexual activity or not)."

Synopsis:

This product consists of ten episodes of the Japanese anime series, How Not To Summon A Demon Lord, said to be Season 2. Diablo continues his adventures in his avatar form, accompanied by Rem and Shera. They meet a high priest, Lumakina, who begs for their help to rid the church of corruption and sin. The series is shown in Japanese with English subtitles.

Reasons for Decision:

In making this decision, the Classification Board has applied the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 (the Classification Act), the National Classification Code (the Code) and the Guidelines for the Classification of 2012 (the Guidelines).

In the Board's view this film warrants an 'RC' classification in accordance with item 1(b) of the films table of the Code:

"1. Films that:

(b) describe or depict in a way that is likely to cause offence to a reasonable adult, a person who is, or appears to be, a child under 18 (whether the person is engaged in sexual activity or not);" will be Refused Classification.

Also, pursuant to the Guidelines, films will be Refused Classification if they contain: "Descriptions or depictions of child sexual abuse or any other exploitative or offensive depictions involving a person who is, or who appears to be, a child under 18 years."

At the end of each episode in this series, there is a promotional image for the next episode which features text encouraging the audience to continue viewing. Although these still images feature the characters from the series, they appear out-of-context at the very end of each episode, after the credits. The characters are frequently depicted using a direct gaze, engaging the viewer. The images feature environments and scenarios which have not been referenced or established in the series. Further, an illustration credit is given for each image rather than being given in the credits for the series.

At 24 minutes in Episode 3 - Corrupt Ritual, the still image depicts four female characters standing on a beach in revealing bikinis. Text across the top of the screen reads "Don't Miss the Next Episode!" "Illustration: Kani Beam". Three of the characters are shown in close-up with the fourth character on the left depicted further into the background. The character who is second from the left, one of the characters in the foreground, appears to be a young pubescent girl, depicted with slightly developed budding breasts and wearing a very small string bikini that obscures her nipples. She is slightly cupping and accentuating her small left breast in her hand in a suggestive manner. Her pubic area is barely obscured by a tiny string bikini bottom that is pulled down beneath the pelvic line. Her pubic mound is exposed however, the bikini bottom obscures any labial detail and there are no indications of genital detail. Another piece of text in the bottom left of the image, which is in Japanese script, positions a large red exclamation mark over the girl's vaginal area, thus drawing attention to it. The girl's physique appears to be that of a young girl who is pubescent, as she has no hip development, and her frame appears slight and juvenile, including her shoulders, chest and arms. The girl's face has child-like features, and she is depicted with her eyes closed and mouth open.

The girl standing next to her has a slightly more developed body, including hips, although her overall physique is pubescent. This character is depicted cupping and accentuating her small partially covered breasts in a sexualised manner.

The girl standing on the far right of the image is depicted as wide-eyed and child-like, with her mouth open. She has undeveloped breasts and is wearing a bandeau-style bikini. She is mimicking the poses of the other characters by suggestively pretending to reveal her breasts, however the second layer of her bikini obscures her flat chest. Her eyes are wide and her mouth is slightly open, giving an expression of naivete.

In the Board's opinion, this still image features characters who are or appear to be children under the age of 18 in a sexualised depiction that is likely to cause offence to a reasonable adult. Accordingly, the film is classified RC in accordance with the National Classification Code, Films Table, 1. (b) as films that "depict in a way that is likely to cause offence to a reasonable adult, a person who is, or appears to be, a child under 18 (whether the person is engaged in sexual activity or not)."

Decision:

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Names of panel members constituted for decision:

Details of opinions:

Panelist	Opinion
	RC -
	RC -
	RC -

Details of Opinions (Including minority opinions): Unanimous

A senior panellist has confirmed that the application considered was valid under the Act.

A senior panellist has confirmed that all members constituting the Board for this decision have considered the application and that this Decision Report is a true and accurate reflection of the Board's decision and any minority opinions.

Decision signed off by delegate: